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| Organic mental disorders* Delirium

ImportantOrganic mental disorders•Delirium vs. dementiaImportant | **Delirium*** Set of symptoms
	+ Symptoms
		- Disturbance of consciousness
			* Vigilance and integration problems
		- Disturbance of attention
		- Perception disturbance
		- Global disturbance of cognitive processes (orientation, memory etc.)
		- Disturbance of psychomotorium, e.g. agitation etc.
		- hypoactive, hyperactive, mixed form
		- Disturbance of the sleep-wake cycle
		- Emotional disturbances
	+ Frequency
		- In the 65+ age group 20 to 40% of the acute hospital attendances
* Course of the disease
	+ Acute start
	+ Alternating symptoms in different times of the day
* Prognosis
	+ Time factor
	+ Environmental factors
		- (sub)intensive care etc.
	+ Potentially lethal
		- complications: e.g. intercurrent infection, aspiration, electrolyte disorders, cardiac rhythm disorders, falling and consequences, e.g. femoral neck fracture etc.
	+ Reversibility
* Etiology
	+ Metabolic disorders
		- hypoxia, hypo- / hyperglycaemia, electrolyte disorders, anaemia, endocrinopathia etc.
	+ Alcohol, medicines, drugs
		- intoxication, privation
	+ Cardiovascular diseases
	+ Diseases of the central nervous system
	+ Trauma
	+ Complex etiology
* Risk factors, precipitation factors
	+ age, dementia, sex, alcohol, sensory deprivation, dehydration, malnutrition, pain, immobility, somatic diseases, drugs, medicines etc.
* Causing factors
	+ Medicines
		- sedatives, sleeping pills, anticholinergic agents, antiepileptic drugs etc.
	+ Environmental factors
		- physical fastening, urinary catheterization, multiple interventions etc.
	+ Other
		- infection, hypoxia, anaemia, liver disease, pain, urine retention, bowel obstruction etc.

Delirium vs. dementia* Time period
* Disturbances of consciousness
* Other circumstances of development
	+ location etc.
* Changes of symptoms
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